

THE BROADAXE

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:30 PM with 22 members in attendance. We had no visitors this evening.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the January issue of the Broadaxe were requested. The members complimented the Editor on another fine issue. There being no other comments or corrections, the January 2009 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Al Geigel presented his Treasurer's Report to the members. There being no discussion on the report, the Treasurer's Report was accepted into the minutes.

Ozzie Thalmann had some flyers he obtained from **Gary Kingzett** regarding the Belskie Museum display. The show has been extended to March 8, 2009 and on February 7, 2009, **Dan Pariser** will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on the History of Ship Modeling.

Ozzie then informed us that the model display at the Parsippany library has been approved for May and June 2009. Model drop off and set up has been scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. The display will run through June 27, 2009. The models will need to be picked up on that date. More specific information will be provided as the drop off date gets nearer. Please let Ozzie know of the models you wish to display. The library does not have sufficient tables to display the models, so if you have any tables that you can lend for the display, please bring them to the library along with your models.

Tom Ruggiero brought in our new hats! A fair amount were sold at \$15 per hat, but we still have a good quantity on hand for anyone who missed the meeting and wants to purchase one.



Bob Fivehouse provided more details regarding a request for models by the Hoboken Museum. They are very specific in the type of models they need. The model subject must have a direct connection to the Hoboken area and was either built there or docked there routinely. Some examples mentioned were ships of the Holland America or United States Lines and various river barges. **Capt. Earl Young** mentioned that he served on several Liberty Ships that would pick up cargo in Hoboken and if that was alright, he had a model of a Liberty Ship that could be displayed. Bob said he would check with the Museum Curator. **Mason Logie, Jr.** appeared to have precisely the model they were looking for in his railroad car barge scow and said he will put on a decal identifying it as a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad barge. The display is scheduled to start March 1, 2009.

Registration forms for the Joint Clubs Model Show in New London scheduled for April 25, 2009 were made available at the meeting. The registration form is also included in this issue of the newsletter. The forms must be returned by March 31, 2009.

Flyers for the New Jersey IPMS MosquitoCon 2009 model contest were also available. The show will be held on April 4, 2009 at the Wayne PAL Hall. It is a well attended show and several of our members have won top awards for their ship models in the past. A copy of the flyer can be found in this issue of the newsletter.

Larry Friedlander told us of his plans for his tech session at the February meeting. **EVERYONE PRESENT WILL PARTICIPATE!** There will be brushes and paint available for all. However, if you would like to bring your own brushes, that would be fine. Larry suggests that you dress appropriately (don't wear your designer suit!) and if you have magnifying lenses, you should bring them to assist in clearly seeing the small detail work. It promises to be a fun evening for all. Larry thinks we'll spend about an hour to an hour and a half on the session.

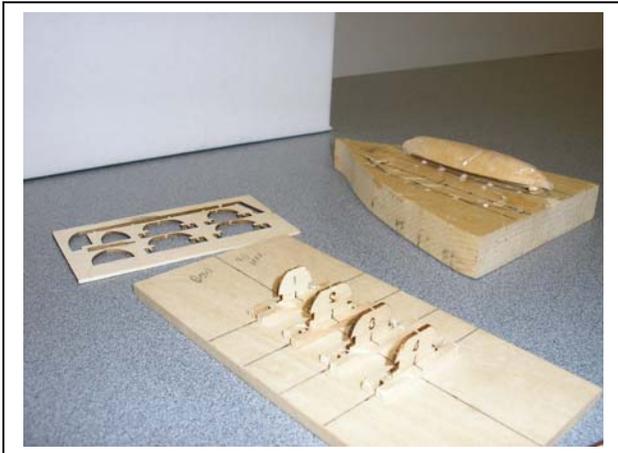
Given the anticipated time needed for the tech session, we are requesting that you **DO NOT** bring any models for Show & Tell on February 24th.

Some sad news was received tonight. Fellow member **Ed Nolan** passed away on January 15, 2009. Ed's family has requested donations in his memory be made to the American Legion in lieu of flowers.

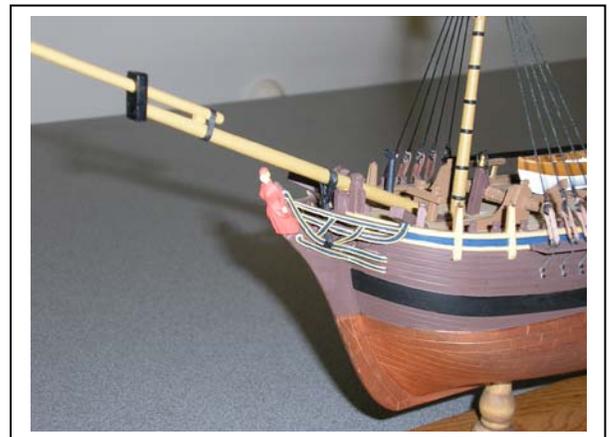


SHOW AND TELL

Don Otis brought in several small ship's boats that he is constructing for a model of the German training ship *Grossherzog Friedrich August* that he is building for his grandson. Eight of the boats were constructed from Model Expo kits and the two whale boats were scratch built. Don brought in the building frames and the forming mold he used in constructing the boats. The small dinghy was taken from his odd and ends drawer.



Len Schwalm is working on a plastic Airfix kit model of HMS *Bounty*. Len had made several modifications to the model so that it more closely resembles *Bounty* as described in "Anatomy of a Ship – HMS *Bounty*". Len retained the lower plastic masts but has replaced the upper masts with wood. He also discarded the deadeyes that came with the kit and is in the process of rigging the lower shrouds.



Tony Alworth showed us his completed model of the Gloucester fishing schooner *Smuggler*. This is the BlueJacket kit with plans and instruction booklet from Erik Ronnberg. Tony felt that it is a beautiful kit but had a problem with the metal blocks supplied in the kit. He found that it was nearly impossible to drill holes in the becket of the block and replaced the metal blocks with wooden ones.



Ernest Conner brought in his completed model of *San Filipe*, built by the king of Spain in 1690. The model is a kit with double plank on bulkhead construction, the second layer of planks being mahogany. Ernest explained that he had some problems fitting the metal head rails due their complex curves. He also mentioned that he used CA glue for fastening the many metal fittings to the hull. As a final step, he sprayed the entire model with Dull Coat.





Mason Logie, Jr. is almost finished with his railroad barge scow. This is an HO scale kit from Laserkit. Mason is basing his model on a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad scow from about 1960. Mason was pleased to find a picture of a similar barge in action which was carrying cement canisters on its deck. Mason told us that he was able to find HO scale cement canisters on line and has ordered them to use as his deck cargo. Mason happened to find this kit in a railroad hobby store in Dunellen, NJ but you can get more information on this company's kits by visiting their website at www.laserkit.com.





TECH SESSION

This evening's Tech Session was presented by Bob Fivehouse. Bob has brought in many of his completed waterline models in the past and gets many questions about how he makes his ocean look so real. Tonight he shared with us his technique for creating waves on a base to make his model appear as if it's on the high seas.

Bob uses poplar for his base. Once he decides on the orientation of the model on the base, he traces along the bottom of the hull to produce an outline which guides him in routing out a portion of the base into which the hull will be placed. Bob explained that he wants the model to sit into the base and not on top of it. Any imperfections in the bottom of the model or the base top could allow light to show through if the model is sitting flat on top of the base. The base is then secured in the bench vice and is ready to be carved. Bob has a very complete set of wood gouges which he unrolled for his demonstration. Starting with a large gouge, he starts making indentations in the base with the gouge using short strokes, ending with a twist of the wrist to keep from taking out too much wood. He continues this process with successfully smaller gouges to simulate the waves on his base. When he is satisfied with the wave pattern, Bob will then take his formed hull and wrap plastic wrap around the hull and screw the hull form to the base. Using small strips of tape, he folds the plastic wrap down on the top of the hull so that it fits tightly along the length of the hull. Bob pointed out to us that this work is done at an early stage in the building of his model. The hull is fully shaped but that is about all. It is also at this time that he has cut out the base for his case, properly sized for the model's base. After carving, the base, including the edges, is then primed with modeling paste, diluted to a consistency of thick paint. Bob explained that modeling paste is gesso that contains marble dust. It is quite thick in its undiluted state.

The next step in the process is to form the bow wave and waves along the sides of the hull using a stiff brush loaded with artist's paste. Bob cautioned against apply a very thick coat of paste as it could crack as it dries. Drying time is about 12 hours. Once the paste has dried, Bob removes the hull from the base and then shaves and shapes the wave formed around the hull which is now a raised surface around the hull indent.

Painting of the base comes next. Bob uses several shades of ultra-marine and Prussian blue, along with green and white acrylic paint. He mixes the colors freely, starting with darker blues and lighter highlights. He demonstrated how he can achieve different results in patterns and colors using different brush strokes and how you should reflect the wake at the stern. Once fully dry, Bob then coats the surface with several coats of a clear lacquer to make the water surface very shiny. He excludes the stern wake as the water churned by the propellers will appear flat compared to the rest of the water surface. Bob certainly made the process look easy.

Thanks for a great tech session, Bob!

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Upcoming Meeting Topics

February 24, 2009 – Larry Friedlander will present a hands on discussion of painting friezes on bulkheads. **ALL MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE!**

March 24, 2009 – Jeff Fuglestad will share his expertise in constructing model cases

April 28, 2009 – **BRING A MODEL NIGHT**

MAY 26, 2009 – Michael Storch will explain how to properly sharpen your chisels

June 23, 2009 – Capt. Nick Starace will discuss resin casting techniques he used on his static model of the USS *New Jersey*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 4, 2009 – *MosquitoCon 2009* –
Wayne PAL Building – 9 AM to 4 PM

April 25, 2009 – *Northeast Ship Model
Conference - New London, CT- 8:15 AM
to 3:00 PM*

May 2 & 3, 2009 – *Model drop off at
Parsippany Library*

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Regular meetings are held on the **FOURTH Tuesday** of every month at 7:30 P.M., at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey.

Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the **BROADAXE** are always welcome, and SMSNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild presents the
27th Annual Northeast Joint Clubs

Northeast Ship Model Conference **Saturday, April 25, 2009**

Port 'N' Starboard Banquet Facility
Ocean Beach Park, New London, Conn.

Model Setup 8:15 AM --- General Admission 9:30 AM --- Model Takedown 3:00 PM (No earlier, please)

Questions? Contact Dick Remillard Telephone: 978-667-1782 Email: Remillar@comcast.net

REGISTRATION FORM

Print, fill out and mail
We need this by March 31st!!!

Please reserve _____ seats for the Conference at \$39.00/person. The \$39 includes admittance to the Conference, space to display ship models, attendance at the demonstration round tables, coffee mess in the morning, and luncheon.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Club Affiliation _____

Guest(s) _____

Please mail this form with your check payable to:

U.S.S. Constitution Model Shipwright Guild

Attn: Tim Mahoney - 27th NSMC

c/o USS Constitution Museum

P.O. Box 1812

Boston, MA 02129

For Directions: <http://www.ocean-beach-park.com/contact.htm>

Ship Models

Please bring ship models to display. They will be open to the public for viewing. Please indicate the size of each model so we can determine display space requirements. We will prepare a placard for your model. If you include a short description for each model with this Form, we will include the description on the placard.

We will have three classes for judging by participants, Wind, Power, and Other Nautical. See the judging sheet for details. Please classify your model to make registration easier.

1. Model Name _____ Length for Display _____ Breadth for Display _____
Scale _____ Award Class: Wind _____ Power _____ Other Nautical _____

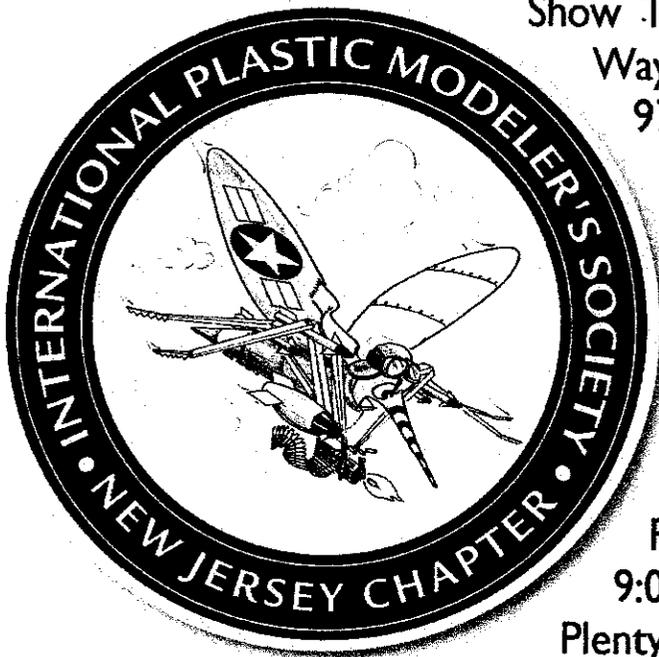
2. Model Name _____ Length for Display _____ Breadth for Display _____
Scale _____ Award Class: Wind _____ Power _____ Other Nautical _____

If you want to bring more models, please list them and the pertinent data on another sheet.

New Jersey IPMS is proud to present...

MosquitoCon 2009

Model Contest ★ April 4, 2009



Show Theme: "Between the Wars 1919-1939"
Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, New Jersey
973-696-2896 Special Awards for:
Best "Between the Wars 1919-1939"
Theme. Best Armor, Best Ship, Best
Aircraft, Best Civilian, Judge's Best,
Best "Out of Box", Tailhook Award
(Naval Aircraft). "Trifecta category".
Club sponsored "Make and Take" table.
Raffle Prizes. Vendors From Hell. Hot
Food available. Doors will be open from
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Judging begins at 12:00 PM.
Plenty of parking in the back of the Wayne PAL.

Over 14,000 sq. feet of vendor and model display space!

For Contest and Vendor information contact: Bill Schwarz • 732-567-3724

or you can reach him by email at: Tomcatter53@optimum.net

Please visit our web site at www.njipms.org for more information

Registration: Adults—\$10, 17 years old and under—\$4, Walk-in—\$6
First 8 models included in entry fee. After that—50¢ each. "There will
be an additional \$1.00 fee if head judge determines that model is
exceptionally large". The "Make and Take" will be from 1pm to 3pm.
"Make and Take" kits donated by IPMS/USA



Registration ends at 12 noon, and models must be removed from hall by 4:00 pm. No snow date.

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MODEL CATEGORIES AND CONTEST RULES

AIRCRAFT

1. Prop Aircraft	1/72 & Smaller
2. Prop Aircraft	1/48
3. Multi-Engine Prop	1/48
4. Jet Aircraft	1/72 & Smaller
5. Jet Aircraft	1/48
6. Props & Jets	1/32 & Larger
7. Rotary Wing	All Scales
8. Commercial (Civil & Racing)	All Scales
9. Vacuforms & Mostly Resin Aircraft	All Scale
10. Conversions & Scratch built	All Scales

MILITARY VEHICLES

11. Military Vehicles, Armored & Soft Skinned	1/48 & Smaller
12. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Pre 1945	1/35 & Larger
13. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Post 1945	1/35 & Larger
14. Wheeled Soft Skins	1/35 & Larger
15. Ordnance-Howitzers, cannons	All Scales
16. Commercial Conversions	All Scales
17. Major Conversions & Scratch built	All Scales

SHIPS

18. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers	1/400 & Larger
19. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers	1/401 & Smaller
20. Ships, All Others	All Scales
21. Submarines	All Scales

CIVILIAN VEHICLES

22. Cars, All Types	1/43
23. Cars, Competition	1/24 & Larger
24. Cars, Street, Legal, Stock/Customs	1/24 & Larger
25. Trucks & Motorcycles-	All Scales

SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION

26. Factual Vehicles	All Scales
27. Fictional Vehicles	All Scales
28. Beings, Robots & Suits	All Scales

FIGURES

29. Figures	54mm & Smaller
30. Figures	54mm & Larger

DIORAMAS

31. Vignettes & Dioramas	All Types & Scales
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MISCELLANEOUS

32. Miscellaneous-	All Types & Scales
33. Trifecta-	All Types & Scales

JUNIOR

34. All Subjects, Types & Scales

AWARDS

1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all categories.
 "Best Out of Box" in categories
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21,
 22, 23, 24, and 25

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best "Between the Wars 1919-1939"
 Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Ship
 Best Civilian, Best Tailhook (Naval Aircraft)
 Best "Out-Of-The-Box" Model
 Judges Best

MOSQUITOCON CONTEST RULES

- Each registrant will be eligible for only one award per category (NO SWEEPS).
- Models are entered solely at the entrants risk. NJIPMS, Wayne PAL, Judges, Modelers and IPMS/USA do not assume any liability for loss or damage to any model.
- Models may be displayed on a base of reasonable size. Bases will not be judged in any category except Diorama. Any entry which, by virtue of its base or setting, depicts a story or a theme must be entered in the Diorama category.
- Markings will be the sole determinant between the civil and military categories.
- Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining an entries category at the time of registration; but, the final determination rests with the Chief Judge. The decisions of the Chief Judge are Final. Categories may be combined or split at the judges' discretion.

- Junior entrants (age 17 or younger) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, or both.
- "Out of the Box" Award will be governed by standard IPMS rules: other decal's ok; filling of seams and gaps; drilling of gun ports and exhausts; thin to scale trailing edges, flaps and doors, all ok; antennae and rigging ok. Tape or decal seat belts ok. No other added items are permitted. Kit instruction sheets must be displayed with model to qualify for the "Out of the Box" award.
- Major conversions must be a substantial reworking of the model to a different version. Commercial conversions are a separate category.
- Vacuform category is reserved for those models which were constructed from a kit. At least 60% of the kit must be vacuformed and most major structures must be vacuformed.
- Any odd scale entries will be placed with the closest scale (i.e., 1/50 may be placed with 1/48; 1/76 with 1/72, etc.) at judges' discretion.
- The Best Civilian Subject Award must be a non-military subject to qualify. Models can be a subject of military origins in civilian markings, i.e. a P-51 displayed as an air racer or an IL-76 in Aeroflot markings. Markings must be authentic and reference or documentation material must be available.
- Any attempt to influence the judges in any way will result in all of the modeler's entries being disqualified.
- Models that have won at an IPMS Regional prior to April 2007, or any previous Mosquitocon, or IPMS USA National will not be eligible.
- 3 models of different classes grouped and displayed as a single entry. The models will be judged as a group, with overall quality determining placement. Credit will be given for diversity of entries. Entries must be composed of 3 models selected from 3 of different categories (I.E., 1/700 Battleship, 1/48th aircraft, 1/35th armor). No more than 1 of the 3 models constituting an entry may have won as an individual entry in a previous contest.
- Figures Category Classifications to be determined on the day of the contest.
- Award for the Best "Between the Wars 1919-1939" theme is open to any category entrant, military, civilian, or otherwise. Entrant's are encouraged to display references and documentation with the model, proving the entries' strong tie to the theme-it could be the deciding factor.

DIRECTIONS TO MOSQUITOCON 2009

Coming from the East (New York, Long Island, NJ Turnpike):

Take 80 West to Exit 53 to Rt. 23 North Wayne/Butler/Verona to Exit South 202 (sign also reads, Alt. 511, Lincoln Park /Boonton exit 1/2 mile.) at end of exit South 202 stay to left, and make left at stop sign, first street (Taylor Drive) make right, go to end of street. Make right onto PAL Drive. Look for PAL on right hand side of street.

Coming from the West (Pennsylvania):

Take 80 East to Exit 53 to Rt. 46 East (sign reads, Wayne/Clifton/Lincoln tunnel) Go to first or second overpass and make a "U-Turn" onto 46 west. Stay to right and look for signs for 23 North. Take 23 North to Exit South 202, at end of exit South 202, stay to left and make left at stop sign, first street (Taylor Dr.) make right, go to end of street. Make right onto PAL Drive. Wayne PAL is on the right side.

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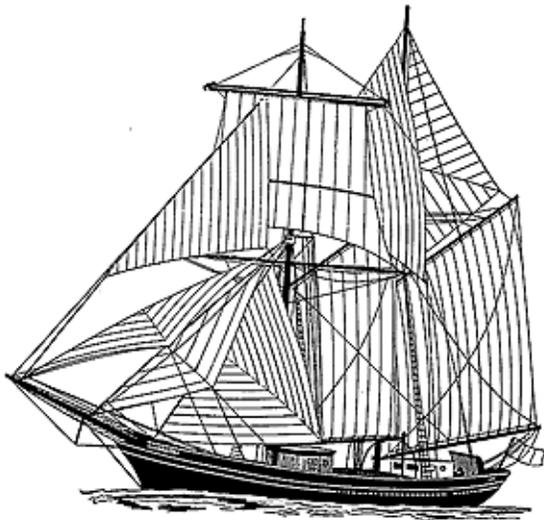
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**Please DO NOT bring a model for Show & Tell – We
have an extended Tech Session!**



NEXT MEETING:

**February 24, 2009
7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Tech Session

**Painting a
Bulwark Frieze**

Presented by

Larry Friedlander